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COMMENTS ON THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE ADMINISTRATION

Representative Emanuel Celler Speaks his Mind, at 6:15 p.m. over WINS (NY):

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"The coup d'etat in Iraq was arranged exactly on the day of the so-called summit conference of the Baghdad powers at Istanbul. Iraq was the pivot of the Baghdad powers, Britain, Iran, Turkey, Pakistan and Iraq. Now the bottom has fallen out of the Baghdad pact since the new republic of Iraq apparently has chosen to join the forces with Nasser's United Arab Republic.

"There have been some statements, but not from an authorized source, that Iraq still wants to remain with the West. This is by no means definite. However, the Baghdad alliance had, it seems to me, been impaired almost beyond repair."

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"While this coup d'etat was being formulated in Iraq, what was the Central Intelligence Agency doing? This upheaval caught Washington flat-footed. Once again Washington was unaware. The United States maintains the C.I.A., Central Intelligence Administration, with Allen Dulles as its chief, as a huge espionage organization so that the President and the Secretary of State may be kept fully informed. Yet, the reports from Washington indicate these officials were caught off base. Why? Where was this great informational service? Its purpose is to keep our officials informed and alerted to great changes. How can we forfend the encroachments of Nasser and Khrushchev if we have no foreknowledge? Are we always to face the Fait Accompli?

"We appropriate millions and millions of dollars for the Central Intelligence Agency, they give no account to Congress of how they spend their money, and this is understandable. But it is incumbent upon Congress to find out about these constant surprises."

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